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Troops Walk Off British Transport

LIVERPOOL, DEC. 26.—THREE HUNDRED LANCY BRITISH SOLDIERS WALKED OFF THE "CORINTHIAN" AND MADE PROTEST AGAINST THE LIVING CONDITIONS ABOARD.

They battled with military police who tried to force them back for a Christmas Eve sailing to the Middle East. Several were injured. Officials were pelted with tin cans and small objects.

Last night 700 soldiers walked off but were forced to return. Some started making plans this morning and when the police tried again to detain them, their comrades scrambled down to help.

The soldiers and the ship were overcrowded and the food conditions bad and unsanitary. They were headed to the Middle East to relieve other forces which were due for leave or demobilisation. Associated Press.

Stabbed With Own Bayonet

HOKKAIDO, DEC. 27.—THE DISCLOSURE THAT AN AMERICAN SENTRY WAS KILLED ON DEC. 19 BY THREE JAPANESE WAS MADE TODAY WITH THE ARREST OF ONE SUSPECT.

The sentry, whose name was not given, was stabbed with his own bayonet during an early morning fight with three Japanese who he surprised attempting to raid a government food store. This is the first killing of this nature that has occurred in Hokkaido.

The 11th Corps Provost Marshal's office said that 18-year-old Katsunori Tame, a reformatory inmate, confessed to his part in the killing and will be tried by a Military Commission.

The two other suspects are still at large. Associated Press.

STORM WORSE IN THE CHANNEL

LONDON, DEC. 27.—THE WEEK-OLD STORM INCREASED IN FURY OVER THE ENGLISH CHANNEL, DRIVING MANY SHIPS TO COVER AND STRANDING THOUSANDS OF CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY TRAVELLERS.

Torrential hail and rain, blown by a 60-mile an hour gale, lashed at the Straits of Dover and whipped the seas into mountainous waves.

The pounding seas breached sea walls in some English ports and drove away Coast guard crews and mine disposal squads who battled the mine menace while workmen frantically repaired sea walls to prevent the flooding of towns. Associated Press.

KEEPING CHECK

Tokyo, Dec. 27.—In a directive "revolutionary" for Japanese stationers, General MacArthur to-day ordered 11 offices to maintain weekly statistics to disclose an up-to-date picture of Japan's economy. The statistics will replace the monthly, quarterly and semi-annual statistics formerly kept by the Japanese. They will cover everything from wholesale and retail price indices to kilowatts of electric power consumed, amusement and income taxes and bank deposits.

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105 ON XMAS DAY

Sydney, Dec. 27.—Southern Australia had one of its hottest Christmas days on record with a temperature of 103.8 in Melbourne and 106 in Adelaide.

Sydney had a comparatively low temperature of 76 but humidity was extreme. Associated Press.

Is Franco's Number Up?

WASHINGTON, DEC. 27.—THE UNITED STATES HAS NOTIFIED FRANCE OF HER READINESS TO DISCUSS WITH BRITAIN AND FRANCE ALL ASPECTS OF THE RELATIONS OF THE THREE GOVERNMENTS WITH SPAIN'S FRANCO REGIME.

Acting Secretary of State Dean Acheson in a news conference indicated that it was likely that a three-power discussion would begin early in January.

Although the French note was not made public it is generally believed that it proposed exploring the desirability of affecting a diplomatic break with the Franco regime and also the possibility of formally recognising the Spanish government in exile in Mexico City, as the Spanish provisional government.

In London a Foreign Office spokesman said Britain had told France she was willing to participate in the discussions. Associated Press.

Pied Piper Modern Style

Manila, Dec. 27.—Clark Castillo was today sentenced to death by the People's Court as an inhuman Pied Piper who led almost a thousand Filipinos to mass execution by the Japanese.

He was the first collaborator to receive the sentence in a decision which was established as an important precedent that membership in the Japanese Makapili army constitutes treason.

Last March, Castillo, on the pretence that the Japanese were according safe conduct,ajoled the population of Lumbang village to congress.

The Japanese killed all except the Makapili members. The massacre figured in the Yamashita trial. Associated Press.

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Power Behind The Mikado's Throne

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MAKINO IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BLOCKED EMPEROR HIROHITO'S CONTEMPLATED ABDICATION IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE SURRENDER, AND SOURCES SAID HE HAS OPPOSED CONSISTENTLY ANY SUGGESTION FOR THE RULER'S RETIREMENT.

The 74-year-old former Lord Keeper of the Privy Seal exercises his power from a small, secluded villa on the edge of Tokyo, which he seldom leaves.

Would-be interviewers are told that he is too ill and "too out of touch with things" for a statement. But messengers of all ranks carry his advice to the throne.

Prince Kanoy's death and the arrest of other wartime figures around the Emperor has enhanced the influence of Makino's clique. The Emperor is believed to rely considerably on the judgment of the man who 10 years ago was termed "a dangerous liberal" by his military enemies.

Informed sources named as other principal figures in this ruling group: Premier Kijuro Shidehara, 73; retired Admiral Suzuki, 78; President of the Privy Council; Foreign Minister Shigeru Yoshida, 67; Tamei Matsudaira, 68, former Imperial Household Minister and one-time Ambassador to Washington.

These men at one time or another all opposed the militarists and linguists and were known as liberals, but their liberalism stems from the past and is not abreast of the sweeping changes now underway in Japan. Associated Press.

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(By Henry Buckley, Reuter's Correspondent).

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This Commission is to-day a mixed civilian and military organisation, but the aim is to make it entirely civilian as soon as possible.

"Other ranks" live mainly in large blocks of flats. Officers live in 100 pleasant villas in Grunewald, a wooded suburb in Berlin's West End.

There are 40 messes which range from private homes of senior officials, who live in style with a butler and a household staff, of their own to junior messes, where up to 50 may eat.

A number of officers share each villa or flat, where the house is divided into flats.

The food consists of Army rations with a certain amount of supplementary vegetables, and the general level of feeding is definitely better than that of the average family living on its rations at home in Britain.

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Attempt To Kill Sutan Sjahrir

BATAVIA, DEC. 27.—SHOTS WERE FIRED AT SUTAN SHAHRIR, PREMIER OF THE UNRECOGNISED INDONESIAN REPUBLIC, AND HE WAS CLUBBED WITH A PISTOL BUTT IN WHAT ANETA NEWS AGENCY SAID APPARENTLY WAS AN ATTEMPT BY SEVERAL NE-THIRLANDS INDONESIAN SOLDIERS TO STEAL HIS AUTO-MOBILE YESTERDAY.

"I don't think they knew who I was," Sjahrir was quoted as saying afterward.

Four Eurasians, in Dutch uniforms pulled alongside the premier's car, fired three bullets against the hood, forcing him to halt. Sjahrir said he got out of the vehicle and was attacked with the pistol butt.

British police who came to Sjahrir's aid arrested several Eurasians at the scene.

The 36-year-old premier is a key figure in Indonesian-Allied relations and has urged moderation on his followers. He returned Tuesday from a tour of Java. During his absence, the British arrested several Eurasians attempting to break into his Batavia home. Associated Press.

King's Xmas Broadcast

SANDRIGHAM, DEC. 27.—KING GEORGE VI, ADDRESSING HIS SUBJECTS FROM SANDRIGHAM HOUSE, WHERE THE ROYAL FAMILY IS SPENDING ITS FIRST CHRISTMAS IN SIX YEARS, ON TUESDAY PROCLAIMED CHRISTMAS, 1945, "A REAL HOME-COMING TO US ALL, A RETURN TO A WORLD IN WHICH THE HOMELY AND FRIENDLY THINGS OF LIFE CAN AGAIN BE OURS."

Broadcasting from the holly and mistletoe bedecked study where his father inaugurated the Christmas day messages, the King sent a special greeting to "the men and women of every race within the Empire, returning from long services to the ways of peace."

He also greeted "the children, now freed from the unnatural fears of a blacked-out world, celebrating this Christmas in the light of the happiness of a family circle once more reunited."

The King said: "To the younger: Do not judge by what you have seen of it in the grimness and waste of war, nor yet by the confusion of the first years of peace. Have faith in life at its best and bring to it your courage, your hopes, and your sense of humour." Associated Press.

17 DEAD IN XMAS TRAGEDY

HARTFORD, DEC. 27.—A CHRISTMAS TREE FIRE IN A SMALL INSTITUTION FOR CONVALESCENTS AND CHRONICALLY ILL BROUGHT DEATH TO 17 PERSONS LAST NIGHT AND SENT 27 TO HOSPITAL, SEVERAL IN A CRITICAL CONDITION.

Thirteen were women and two men. Most were residents of the Hartford area.

The tree flared up when the nurse unhooked the extension cord leading to the lights and within a few minutes the interior of the three-story brick building was a mass of flame.

With the exception of two kitchen employees, all the dead were patients. Associated Press.

CROSSING TRAGEDY

Gaffney, S. Carolina, Dec. 27.—Seven persons were killed instantly in a collision between an automobile in which they were riding and a southern railway passenger train near here Christmas Day. Officials said a freezing rain and poor visibility were to blame. Associated Press.

MINERS TRAPPED

Florence, Kentucky, Dec. 27.—From 30 to 50 miners are believed to have been trapped in a coal mine about two miles back following an explosion which apparently closed the shaft. Associated Press.

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GOODWILL GESTURE

The agreement between Britain and France for the complete withdrawal of the military forces of both sides from the Levant ends a most uncomfortable and unhappy situation and ensures close co-operation in the future. The chief cause of the friction, which earlier this year, compelled Britain to intervene against France to prevent the Arab League from resorting to open hostilities in support of Syrian and Lebanese national em, resided in the failure of Britain and France to coordinate their policies towards the Arab world. Only the future can decide whether French policy in the Levant States or British policy in Egypt and Iraq was in the last resort, better fitted to promote harmonious relations between the western Powers and the Middle East, but recent events have shown only too clearly that to pursue both policies simultaneously was fatal. British policy, save for anxieties over Zionism, has been preferred by the rising forces of Arab nationalism, which showed themselves unduly sceptical of French good faith because France had not endeavoured to promote the interests of her mandated territories along the precise lines favoured by her ally. From this divergence a whole chain of evil consequences followed. The Arab nationalist movement singled France out for attack; France resented resistance to her influence, was inclined to question the reality and importance of Arab nationalism, and was convinced that her difficulties arose only from the hidden hand of British intrigue. Britain, observing the difficulties to which she was exposed by the resentment of the Arab countries against the policy of France perhaps too readily concluded that this policy was inspired only by a determination to cling to a historic connection. The Levant Republic found it to their interest to magnify the contrast between French and British policies and they have tended to show themselves less and less ready to make the concessions which a final solution of the difficulties would demand from them as well as from each of the other parties. France and Britain have now made a move in agreement which should disarm Levant suspicions and permit of yet fuller harmony in relations.

Constable Refused Duty

A Shantung Police constable No. D320, Chung Pei-foo, attached to Central Police Station, was charged before Mr. A. C. Arculli at the Summary Military Court yesterday with refusing duty on December 22.

Accused pleaded not guilty.

It was alleged that accused failed to report for duty after he was given two days' leave on December 14. He should have reported for duty on December 16. When asked why he had not reported for duty, his answer was: "I refused to work for the British."

According to Inspector Moran, accused reported for duty after the re-occupation of the Colony and was stationed at Central Police Station. He was on Sept. 9 admitted to hospital and was discharged on Dec. 14. Leave for two days was granted on the recommendation of a medical certificate.

Accused was seen by Chinese Sub-Inspector Si Wai-ming, on Dec. 22, and was taken to Central at 12.30 p.m. Through an interpreter, accused said: "I refuse to work for the British." Accused was then placed under arrest and was told that he would be charged.

Accused, in the witness box, refused to swear according to the declaration given to him in Court, and wished to take the oath in his own way. This was refused by the Court.

He then said: "That is why I don't like to work for the British. I cannot have my own way. Besides I am not satisfied with the management. I prefer to go back to China."

He was then warned by Mr. Arculli to behave himself and confine himself to facts concerning the case.

After further evidence, Mr. Arculli found accused guilty.

Inspector Moran said he was instructed to ask the Court to impose a severe sentence, without the option of a fine.

HONG KONG CELEBRATES IN ATMOSPHERE OF GOODWILL

BLACK MARKET DRIVE

Shanghai, Dec. 27. Confiscation of all United States government property dumped in the Shanghai black-market has been ordered by the Army authorities here. Criminal investigation agents have been authorized to arrest civilians as well as military suspects. —Associated Press.

CORRESPONDENCE

BUS SERVICE TO POKFULAM

Sir,—May I, through your esteemed paper, ask the officers, who are in control of transport, to consider the provision of a bus service for Pokfulam? Before the war, there was a regular service from the Victoria Ferry Wharf to the Queen Mary Hospital. One realizes that, owing to the shortage of vehicles, Government has not been able to resume all the bus services. However, a service to the Queen Mary Hospital is a most urgent need. Not only are affected residents in the district, particularly children, who have to go to school, but also members of the Dairy Farm and hospital staffs, persons who have relatives or friends as patients in the hospital and those, who, themselves, may have to call at the hospital for treatment.

Until more vehicles are available, a bus or even a converted truck running between the Police Station, West Point (at the corner of Western Street and Des Voeux Road West, where there is a tram stop) and Queen Mary Hospital would serve the purpose.

The above suggestion is earnestly recommended to the authorities for their kind consideration and approval.

Yours faithfully,
RESIDENT.

Magistrate Criticises Complainants In Robbery

"THE COURT WISHES IT TO BE KNOWN THAT IT HOLDS NO HIGH OPINION OF THE MASTER AND FOKS OF THE CHEUNG SHING PIG DEALERS SHOP WHO WERE SUPINE ENOUGH TO BE DETERRED BY THE ACCUSED AND HIS ACCOMPLICES FROM MAKING A REPORT OF THE ROBBERY TO THE POLICE."

THE ABOVE CRITICISM WAS LEVELLED BY THE STANDING MAGISTRATE YESTERDAY AT ONE OF THE COMPLAINANTS IN AN ARMED ROBBERY CASE FOR FAILURE IN REPORTING THE ROBBERY, COMMITTED ON DEC. 1, TO THE POLICE AUTHORITIES.

The Court comprised Mr. Leo d'Almada (President), Mr. D. H. Blake and Mr. Horace Lee. Mr. F. X. d'Almada and Det. Sub-Insps. J. R. Sykes were for the prosecution.

The case was that in which an unemployed Chinese, Chung Hei, 24, was charged on two counts with armed robbery. The first count was that, on Nov. 29, at Room No. 312 of the Sun Sun Hotel, he robbed Lui Kwai of two gold rings, a wrist watch and \$120, and Yuen Mui of \$520 and C.N.\$100,000.

On the second count he was charged with robbing the master and foks of the Cheung Shing pig dealers shop, of No. 99, Tung Choi Street of \$1,800.

Mr. F. X. d'Almada said that at about 10 p.m. on Nov. 29, Lui Kwai on returning to his room following a telephone call was forced to open the door to two Chinese men. The men produced revolvers and started to search the occupants. They took from Lui Kwai the rings and watch. On Yuen Mui they found nothing but a key to the wardrobe in which they got the N.C.\$100,000.

Regarding the second robbery, Mr. d'Almada said that on Dec. 1 at about 8.30 p.m. accused, with others not in custody entered the Cheung Shing shop and held up the occupants. They proceeded to search the foks. They got the key to the safe and took the money.

Before leaving, the robbers warned the manager and others not to report the matter to the Police and accused was arrested, on information, on board a junk lying off Kowloon.

Passing sentence Mr. Leo d'Almada said: "The Court wishes it to be known that it holds no high opinion of the master and foks of the Cheung Shing pig-dealers shop who were supine enough to be deterred by the accused and his accomplices from making a report of the robbery to the Police."

CIVIC-MINDED

"Conduct of this kind is not calculated to help in the main."

CHRISTMAS AND BOXING DAY WERE PASSED IN HONG KONG IN AN ATMOSPHERE OF GENERAL GOODWILL. THE CATHEDRAL AND CHURCH SERVICES HAD THEIR LARGEST ATTENDANCE IN YEARS, LARGELY AUGMENTED BY MEMBERS OF THE THREE SERVICES.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF REAR-ADMIRAL SIR CECIL HARCOURT, K.C.B., C.B.E., ATTENDED THE CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE AT ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL AND READ THE LESSON. THE CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICES WERE ALSO THANKSGIVING SERVICES FOR THE RETURN OF PEACE.

The Rt. Rev. R. O. Hall, Bishop of Hong Kong, preached the sermon, recalling the visit of H.E. Sir Mark Young, Governor of the Colony, in Christmas Day, 1941, who quietly entered the Cathedral for a few minutes of prayer and as quietly left again to surrender the city to the Japanese.

For the Colony's children, it was the first real Christmas in five years. The British Red Cross, the Royal Navy, the R.A.F., who put on a pantomime, the Commandos, who provided many of the Christmas trees, and many another kind-hearted soul put out the best the Colony could provide for the kids in the way of entertainment, Christmas fare, toys and Christmas tree decorations.

EVERY MESS ITS PARTY! The Servicemen also took care of themselves. Practically every Mess and Barracks and Lodging was fully decorated in the best Yuletide tradition. Every Mess had its own party. There was, for once, as much to drink as to eat and there was no shortage of cheer.

Liberty men, having two full days of freedom in some instances, made a thorough round of visits. A surprising feature of both Christmas and Boxing Day was the fact that no restaurant or ballroom was seriously crowded. The Servicemen, seemingly, has no favourite rendezvous. Every little restaurant had its patrons.

A feature of the two days were the innumerable fireworks thrown down from upstairs verandahs and the innumerable flights that ended in a fracas and did not

develop into a free-for-all. Ferries were overcrowded.

FLEET CLUB DANCE On Boxing Day, the China Fleet Club held its first post-war Christmas Dance. Some shortage of ladies was overcome by an increased number of "Tag" dances, which permitted all present a chance on the floor.

The Commander-in-Chief of the British Pacific Fleet, Admiral Sir Bruce Fraser, was present for nearly two hours at the dance and had a busy time signing autographs.

A black leather handbag awaits its owner at the Central Police Station. It was found inside Car No. 107, which was parked outside the Hong Kong Club on Wednesday. The handbag contained a passport No. 37102.

The Royal Marine Band of H.M.S. Venetian was in attendance. It was Hong Kong's first post-war Christmas. It was justly and well-celebrated in an atmosphere of shortages of practically everything, from accommodation to the feminine element, but it augured well for Christmas next year.

Miss Alice Florence Bowring, of Harbour View Hotel, reported to the police on Boxing Day that while purchasing tickets at the King's Theatre, she either lost or had stolen from her, a handbag containing \$150 and \$40 in cheques.

COST OF LIVING HIGHER

The official cost of living index figures issued by Government, to be used as the basis for the wages sliding scale, has since the first week in December shown a tendency to rise.

Increases in the cost of fish and pork are primarily responsible. Figures for the last three weeks follow:

Commodities	Cattle	Week ending 8.12.46	Week ending 15.12.46	Week ending 22.12.46	Week ending 29.12.46
Rice	7.1	\$ 1.4400	\$ 1.4400	\$ 1.4400	
Salt	1.9	.9550	1.0250	.9500	
Salt Cabbage	2	.1420	.1420	.1380	
Oil	7	1.4560	1.0520	1.0770	
Tea	2	.9420	.9600	.9600	
Salt Fish	3	.3810	.5250	.6720	
Flah	4	.4040	.4160	.8520	
Pork	3	.9510	.9690	1.1430	
Fried	10.0	1.1000	.9000	.9000	
Bean Curd, 14 pcs.		.2850	.7000	.7000	
		\$ 8.0650	\$ 8.7370	\$ 9.8720	

Tenancy Tribunals Sit

THE KOWLOON TENANCY TRIBUNALS WERE VERY BUSY YESTERDAY WHEN TWO COURTS WERE IN SESSION WITH MESSRS. F. X. D'ALMADA, F. C. MOW-FUNG AND WONG SEK-CHUNG IN THE "A" COURT AND HORACE LO, FR. GRANELLI AND H. M. SHIU IN COURT "B."

The first case in "A" involved Tam Fat, owner of 14, Mongkok Road, who represented by Mr. C. Y. Kwan, applied for an order of eviction against Kok Yuen Ki, tenant of the premises.

The applicant through Mr. Kwan testified that before the war Kok was not the tenant. In 1942, the Japanese ordered the tenants of the first three floors to vacate the premises. Policemen shifted in and took over the flats. The opponent was a policeman and hence moved into the third floor.

IN 1944 the owner went to collect rent but was refused. Later he asked for a rent of ten yen but the opponent only paid him four. The opponent said that he was not willing to pay the present rent of \$41. He was ordered to be evicted from the premises before the end of this month.

HIGHER RENT Leon Kai, agent for the owner of No. 98, Cheung Sha Wan Road, was the applicant in the next case. He said that the ground floor was rented to Leung Kam and on her death, the opponent, Tas Cha, took over the premises. Tas refused to pay any rent to him. However, due receipts and proved that he was the son of Leung Kam. Tas testified that he had often tried to pay rent to the owner as well as to Leon but they would not accept any rent less than \$60. The "pre-war rent" was only \$39.

The Chairman said that anybody demanding more rent than that paid before the war was liable to be punished. The application was refused and the rent fixed at only \$39.

The other cases were withdrawn as the opposite parties reached an agreement out of Court.

represented the applicant Yau Li Kam Yip, owner of 25, Cheung Sha Wan Road, ground floor. The tenant was Tsang Chuen. The applicant said that she only rented the premises to one Ng Shek, proprietor of the firm Tin Sing. Ng left Hong Kong in December, 1944, and the opponent took over. She had refused any rent as she did not want to recognise Tsang as tenant.

Tsang said that he was partner of Tin Sing and that the rent receipts were written out in the name of Tin Sing and not of Ng. However, he had no proof of his partnership. The case was adjourned to Saturday.

Mr. E. S. C. Brooks acted for the owner of 60, Pol Ho Street, ground floor. Li Ping, against the tenant Wong Yuk Kee. Sufficient evidence was produced and as the opponent was not in court, an order for eviction was given. The tenants were ordered to move out before the end of this month.

PRE-WAR RENT. Tang Mak Shi was the applicant in the next case against Shih He Wan, the tenant of No. 1, Hillwood Road, 1st floor. The applicant wanted the rent to be \$180 instead of \$40 which was the amount Shih had been paying. As this was not the amount paid pre-war and \$180 was proved to be the right sum, the tenant was ordered to pay \$180.

As regards broken windows, white ants under the flooring and leakage of pipes, the owner was ordered to repair them if she wanted to collect \$180 rent.

GUIDERS MEETING The Guiders' Meeting arranged for today has now been postponed to the following Friday, Jan. 4 at 8 p.m. in the Fire Brigade Club.

CHINESE EXCHANGE

Chungking, Dec. 27. The Government Spokesman, P. H. Chang, told a press conference today that the question of establishing a realistic exchange rate in China, was still under consideration.

The Chinese press credited the Ministry of Finance with a statement branding as completely groundless reports that a new currency would be introduced on Jan. 1. —Associated Press.

Inquest On Seaman

An inquest was held on Christmas Eve in Kowloon into the death of Q. M. Kenneth MacPhail, S.S. "Port Duvignon", by Lt. Nigel.

There was no jury. The deceased was missing from his ship off Kowloon Bay on the early morning of November 10. The body was found on the beach near Kowloon Decks by Ng Dr. R. E. Alvarez, who examined the body, testified that he found no evidence of foul play. Death was believed to be by accidental drowning.

Lt. Nigel found that death was caused by accidental drowning, probably when the deceased attempted to reach his boat and slipped into the water.

Commando Killed

RFMN. H. M. J. COOK, OF NO. 5 COMMANDO, WAS KILLED WHEN A JEEP, OF WHICH HE WAS THE ONLY OCCUPANT, RAN OVER THE EMBANKMENT ON THE FANLING-TAIPU ROAD ON CHRISTMAS NIGHT.

The funeral took place at Happy Valley yesterday afternoon, the No. 5 Commando Chaplain, the Rev. Arthur Colleshaw, officiating at the graveside.

Among those who attended was Brig. H. D. Fellows, Commanding Officer of 3 Commando Brigade.

11,000 Communists In Kwangtung

CANTON, DEC. 27. KUOMINTANG SOURCES SAID TODAY THEY ESTIMATED 11,000 WELL ARMED COMMUNIST ADHERENTS ARE SCATTERED THROUGH THREE SPECIFIC KWANGTUNG PROVINCE AREAS. THERE ARE ESTIMATED TO BE ABOUT 6,000 ALONG THE EAST RIVER VALLEY, MOSTLY AROUND WAICHOW, APPROXIMATELY 2,000 IN CHUNGSHAN COUNTY, SOUTH-WEST OF CANTON, AND OVER 3,000 IN TUNG-HUAN COUNTY, ALSO ON THE EAST RIVER SOUTH-EAST OF CANTON. THEY ARE REPORTED TO BE ADEPT AT MUSTERING AND DISPERSING QUICKLY WHEN OCCASION ARISES.

The 12th group army, which has garrisoned north Kwangtung and the East River and has kept the irregulars in check, will shortly be transferred to Chekiang.

Police intelligence officers believed numerous minor Red agitators still are in Canton after recent infiltration, but most of the 85 suspects rounded up in December raids are primarily irregulars or bandits claiming allegiance to the Communist cause.

Reports from outlying Kwangtung areas conflict sharply on practices of the so-called Communists. They are reported to be collecting taxes and "protection" money. Some described them as democratic administrators while critics label them as bandit types.

MORE RUMOURS The new first army is reported to have swept the Canton-Kowloon railway free of Communists or other irregulars who were causing trouble with their minor forays.

The Chinese military increased guards around the American billet area and airport installations over Christmas after rumours that Chinese irregulars might attempt to provoke and incident. Nothing untoward occurred, however.

Similar rumours circulated three weeks ago, but nothing happened then.

Most American officers were invited Christmas Eve to a party given by Lt.-Gen. Sun Li-jun, hero of the Burma campaign and commanding general of the American-equipped first army. —Associated Press.

The body of an unknown Chinese woman was found floating near the Star Ferry wharf early on Wednesday morning. She was dressed in black and appeared to be from a respectable family.

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KUOMINTANG AND RUSSIA

Communists Urge More Confidence In Relations

Mao's Statement Of Faith

(By John Roderick).

YENAN, DEC. 27. THE CHINESE AT THIS COMMUNIST HEADQUARTERS HOLD THAT ONLY WITH SOVIET PARTICIPATION CAN A FINAL AND THOROUGH SOLUTION OF PACIFIC PROBLEMS BE REACHED.

THAT HAS BEEN THE TENOR OF FORMAL AND INFORMAL TALKS I HAVE HAD WITH PARTY AND MILITARY MEN DURING THE LAST THREE WEEKS AND IT WAS DEFINITELY STATED BY THE PARTY CHAIRMAN MAO TSE TUNG'S REPORT TO THE PARTY CONGRESS BEFORE THE END OF THE WAR.

"We hold," Mao said, "that the Kuomintang should end its hostile attitude toward the Soviet Union and immediately improve relations between China and the Soviet Union."

Mao asserted that Russia was not only the first nation to recognize the National Government of China and make new peace but was the first to supply aid to China in the war against Japan.

Communists here have given wholehearted endorsement to the Sino-Russian Treaty which gives the Soviets half control of the important Manchurian railway at Manchuria as well as commercial rights to the port of Dairen and the right to fortify Port Arthur.

NO CONFIDENCE. They insist that the Kuomintang has shown no such confidence in Russia although the

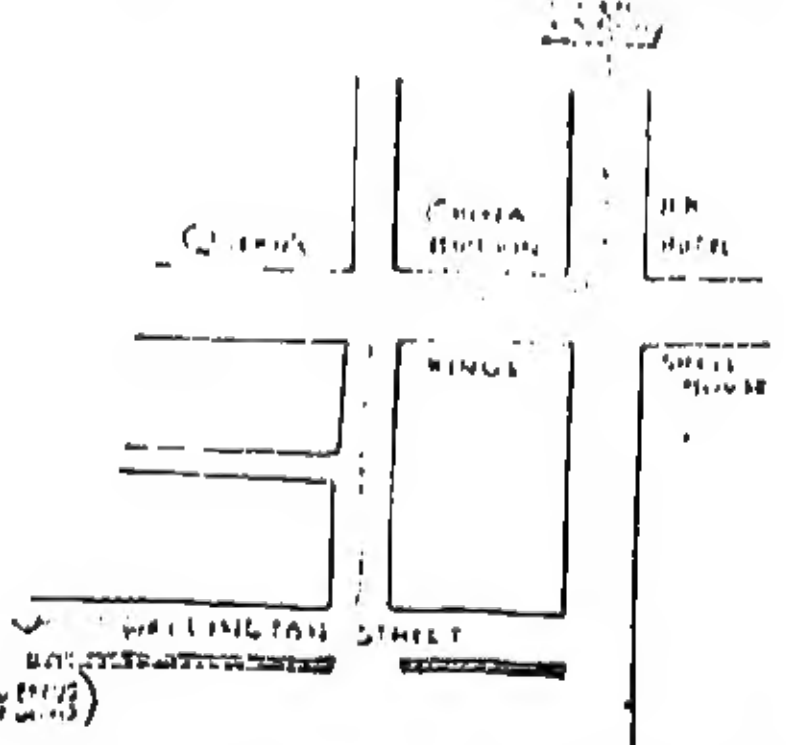
Peiping Opium Seizure

PEIPING, DEC. 27. A TOTAL OF 50,000 OUNCES OF OPIUM WHICH WERE CONFISCATED IN PEIPING BY THE NATIONALIST HEADQUARTERS AFTER THE JAPANESE SURRENDER WILL BE BURNED PUBLICLY ON NEW YEAR'S DAY.

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek has ordered public destruction of the opium after a meeting of Municipal Government officials, civic leaders, Catholic priests and others, and no opium will be sold in the 60,000 ounces would be sold to be preserved for medicinal purposes.

Hundreds of opium dens have been closed during the past four months and the Central Government had announced that smokers can be sent to death for a third violation of the anti-opium laws. They will face a decision on conviction. Associated Press.

Canton, Dec. 26. Telephone communication between Canton and Shanghai, the wartime government capital, has been re-established. Calls are limited to three minutes each, and the charge is CN\$450 a call. Our Own Correspondent.



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San Francisco, Dec. 27. The San Francisco Chronicle in an editorial quip following the conviction of Lt. Gen. Yamashita and his sentence to hang for atrocities committed by his troops in the Philippines said: "The three monkeys that spoke no evil, heard no evil and saw no evil will kindly move over and make room for Yamashita." Associated Press.

C-IN-C'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

In his Christmas Day broadcast over ZBW, H.E. Rear Admiral Sir Cecil Harcourt said:

The first Christmas message to this world was "Peace on earth, goodwill towards men" or as some more recent translations have put it "Peace on earth to men of goodwill" and it is certain that there can be no peace on earth except between men of goodwill. And the outstanding feature of Christmas is that every one tries to express goodwill at any rate during this great festival in order to secure permanent peace it is necessary for every day to be one of goodwill.

As part of my contribution towards all those who have contributed so much towards the reconstruction of the Colony of Hong Kong during the past four months, I would like to thank all of you in the Armed Forces and in the Civil Administration for the very good work that has been put into the task and especially for the excellent teamwork that has been achieved. But I am sure that everyone in the Forces and in the Administration will agree with me that it would not have been possible to accomplish this without the excellent co-operation, initiative, resourcefulness and goodwill of the great population of the Colony. I would like to stress this point and to thank every one of you who has contributed his or her share to our rehabilitation. Speaking for myself, I would like to add what a real pleasure it has been to work with you all.

GOING FORWARD. We have accomplished something of which we need not be ashamed, but we must not be satisfied with that. We must continue to press on. As many of you know, there is no such thing in nature as going backward. Hence the importance of always making certain that we are going forward. There are many difficulties ahead. There are many problems that we have not yet been able to begin to solve. We don't pretend that we have been able to get through this period without making any mistakes, and I dare say that there are many of you who feel that you have complaints. Justifiable complaints. I would only add that we are doing our best to remedy them, and to-night would ask you to pause and remember some of the good that has been accomplished. Possibly you may be happier.

But now I would like to turn to another aspect of Christmas Day. Four years ago today Hong Kong surrendered and many of you may be thinking of Christmas Day as the day of surrender. To many of you on this Christmas Day especially may come memories of those who fell—who gave their lives that liberty might once more walk the world. To those of you who feel thus I would say this: The surrender of Hong Kong and these four years of bondage were a passing phase of human history, whilst the Christmas message will live forever. I would therefore pray you to keep constantly in mind this Christmas message and you will find sadness disappear whilst proud memories may remain.

EVIL A NEGATION. For I am convinced that evil is a negation—like darkness, and can be destroyed by the light of Trust. When you bring a little into a dark room the light destroys the darkness. The darkness doesn't escape out of the window or door to go and make some other place dark. It is just destroyed. In the same way the light of Truth will destroy the darkness of evil of all sorts, including greed and selfishness. Think therefore on the great spiritual Truth which Christ Jesus revealed to the world and you will be strengthened.

To all of you I would say this. Let us this day resolve to work together for the good of all mankind. In the long run no one really benefits by gaining temporarily at the expense of his neighbors, whilst if we all work together as neighbours of goodwill, everyone will benefit. We have a unique position here in Hong Kong—the Chinese and the British working side by side—each loyal to his own country, yet with a primary duty to the Colony which is our home. With wisdom and goodwill I am

Christmas Passes Without Truce

CHUNGKING, DEC. 26. CHRISTMAS CAME TO CHINA WITHOUT THE HOPE FOR TRUCE. THE COMMUNISTS HAVE CONFIRMED THEY HAD STILL NOT PUT IN WRITING THEIR ORAL PROPOSAL OF DEC. 19 FOR AN UNCONDITIONAL TRUCE, WITH THE POSITIONS OF BOTH THE NATIONALIST AND COMMUNIST FORCES "FROZEN."

THEY EXPLAINED THAT THE PROPOSED TRUCE APPLIED TO MANCHURIA AS WELL AS CHINA PROPER. ASKED HOW MANCHURIA COULD BE REOCCUPIED BY THE CHINESE IF THE POSITION OF THE TWO SIDES WERE "FROZEN," THE COMMUNISTS SAID THAT ANY NATIONALIST TROOP MOVEMENTS THERE SHOULD BE SUBJECT TO THEIR AGREEMENT.

Their proposed truce, they asserted, had not been put in writing because this had not been requested. They took the stand that the offer they had made was good and firm and that no further action on their part was necessary until they had received the government's reply.

A Nationalist despatch alleged that the Communists plotted to seize the important rail junction of Shihchiachuang with the use of undisarmed Japanese troops there.

It asserted that the conspiracy called for the Japanese to synchronize a rising with the projected Japanese attack.

Another Nationalist despatch reported that the inhabitants of the Inner Mongolian city of Kweisui, capital of Suiyuan province, staged a mammoth celebration on Sunday to commemorate the lifting of the Communist siege. Features included a meeting attended by 100,000 persons and review by General Futsovi, commander of the 12th War Zone.

The Christmas celebrations in Chungking included a cocktail party given last evening by Brigadier General Russell Ramdall, commander of the American forces in Chungking. G.I.s developed a new belief in the powers of Santa Claus when 75 bottles of whiskey arrived from Shanghai for them. The whiskey was placed on sale at nominal prices at "Tad" Pub. Associated Press.

U.S. Army Demonstration In Manila

MANILA, DEC. 27. FOUR THOUSAND DEMONSTRATING SOLDIERS OF THE U.S. ARMY MARCHED ON TO THE 21ST REPLACEMENT DEPOT HEADQUARTERS IN PROTEST AGAINST THE CANCELLATION OF THEIR SCHEDULED TRANSFER SAILING FOR HOME. THE SOLDIERS CARRIED BANNERS PROCLAIMING "WE WANT SHIPS."

They were met by Colonel J. C. Campbell, depot commander. He ordered them to return to barracks. After listening to a brief talk by Colonel Campbell the men remained around for about ten minutes and then filtered back to their quarters.

A spokesman for the men said that another mass protest meeting would be held to-day. The cancellation of the assignment of the transport "Admiral Sims" precipitated the demonstration.

Campbell complained that the transport was withdrawn in connection with the consolidation of the 21st and 29th replacement depots.

The Army now has "Daily Pacifican" quoted Campbell as follows: "You men forget you are not working for General Motors. You are still in the Army."

Army sources said that troops en route of carrying 251,000 men had been assigned to the Western Pacific for January, although only 70,000 will be eligible to return home. Associated Press.

SENATOR'S PLAN TO END STRIKES

Washington, Dec. 27. Suggestion that the Labour Union should be made liable for any damage resulting from strikes in violation of contracts came from Senator Wiley, Republican of Wisconsin.

"That should do away with possible strikes," Wiley told a reporter, adding that he believed such step alone would "practically solve" the strike problem. Wiley said he intends to discuss the proposal in the Senate when Congress convenes on Jan. 14. Associated Press.

President Defies Xmas Elements

INDEPENDENCE, MISS., DEC. 26. PRESIDENT TRUMAN YES-TERDAY LANDED AT THE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT COMPLETING A HAZARDOUS AND DELAYED AIR TRIP FROM WASHINGTON TO KEEP IN CONTACT HIS 27-YEAR-OLD CUSTOM OF SPENDING CHRISTMAS DAY WITH HIS FAMILY IN HIS HOME TOWN.

The huge Presidential plane "Sacred Cow" arrived five hours and 40 minutes after taking off from Washington national airport. Only one stop was made at St. Louis by the four-engine C-54 which flew through headwinds in new weather.

Smiling the President walked amid cheers of waiting crowds carrying a wrapped Christmas package and a bundle of official papers that indicated that his visit which is expected to last until Friday would not at all be a vacation.

Truman, after waving to friends, calling several by name, entered the auto to drive to his home where the long delayed Christmas dinner had been kept warm on the back of the stove. Associated Press.

Java Famine Danger

The Hague, Dec. 27. "Enough Dutch ships may be available to carry rice, which is to be rushed to Java to relieve the famine situation there," Dr. van Mook, Lieutenant-Governor General of the Dutch East Indies, stated in an interview at The Hague to-day.

Dr. van Mook contradicted the recent statement by Dr. Sutan Sjahrir, the Premier of the "Indonesian Republic," that the Java food shortage was less serious than stated in Dutch reports.

Famine threats, he said, were especially serious in central Java. The cooperation of the Indonesian, he added, will be necessary for the distribution of rice imports.

Referring to the reports of the withdrawal of Dutch native troops from Java, Dr. van Mook said that there had never been any question of such a withdrawal. Reuter.

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Unrra's Big Plans For New Year

WASHINGTON, DEC. 26.
WITH THE OPENING OF THE NEW YEAR, THE LARG-
EST RELIEF PROGRAMME EVER UNDERTAKEN
BY ONE OR MORE NATIONS IN BEHALF OF AN-
OTHER WILL START MOVING.
RELIEF FOR CHINA WILL BE THE MAJOR ITEM IN
THE UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND REHABILITA-
TION ADMINISTRATION'S (UNRRA) WORLDWIDE
PROGRAMME FOR 1946 AND THE FIRST THREE
MONTHS OF 1947.

It is expected that during
these fifteen months approx-
imately two billion dollars will
be distributed in goods and ser-
vices to war-injured countries.

Little Glass Eye Tells His Story

Yokohama, Dec. 27.
Prison Guard Takao Tsuchiya
admitted on the witness stand to-
day he "struck prisoners eight or
nine times with his open hand,"
but denied charges of brutality, as
the defense rested its case and
Japan's first war crime trial near-
ed a decision.

Tsuchiya denied prosecution
allegations that he used his fists
or blunt weapons against Ameri-
can prisoners and declared he did
not recollect Private First Class
Robert Gordon Tamm, whose death
he is charged with causing in a
brutal beating.

The short, stocky Japanese,
called "Little Glass Eye" by the
prisoners, was on the witness
stand for two and a half hours
as the trial resumed after a
Christmas recess.

The decision of the American
military tribunal was expected to
day or tomorrow.
Tsuchiya testified as part of
his defense that injuries to his
shoulder and hand in the China
war, when he was a corporal,
still caused him trouble, but un-
der interrogation by a commission-
er, when asked how much
food he carried to camp, admitted
being able to shoulder about 18
pounds. Associated Press.

FIRST 100,000

Tientsin, Dec. 26.
The first 100,000 Japanese have
been repatriated by U.S. marines
from North China and at the
present rate it is possible that all
the estimated 350,000 in the North
China area controlled by the
marines will be out in another
three months.

During the period to Dec. 18,
25,000 Chinese were returned from
Japan on Japanese merchant
vessels and Navy L.S.T.s (amphibious
landing ships) which are
being used to repatriate the
Japanese. Associated Press.

Athens, Dec. 26.
The government here has re-
quisitioned all Greek cement fac-
tories and the big chemical fertiliz-
er glassworks at Piraeus. The
action is designed to increase
production as an initial step in
the new reconstruction pro-
gramme. Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, DEC. 26.
Funds are slated to come from
31 participating nations of
UNRRA and thus far 29 have
pledged or made contributions.
Two yet to be heard from are
Liberia and Guatemala.

UNRRA has been operating
about one year during which it
has disbursed about \$1,600,000,
000 in relief. Herbert H. Leh-
man anticipates that its final
overall operations will have
reached \$3,766,000,000. Of this
the United States expects to
provide about \$2,643,000,000.

SEVERE TEST

UNRRA likely will face its
most severe test in undertaking
relief work in China where the
needs are considered as acute as
anywhere in the world. In
Europe, UNRRA is meeting with
great need but in comparatively
small areas and for populations
numbered in a few millions, but
when it goes into China it takes
on a population estimated any-
where from 400,000,000 to
500,000,000.

Those parts of China that
were not occupied by Japanese
or not fought over during the
war will get no UNRRA relief,
that cuts off at least 250,000,000
persons. Of the remaining
150,000,000, or more it is antici-
pated that two thirds will be
come direct objectives of the
international relief effort.

BEFORE SPRING COMES

China like other war-torn
countries is in her first post-war
winter and these seasons are
severe over about two-thirds of
the country. Despite the best
efforts of the UNRRA and any
other relief agencies, millions
of Chinese will perish from cold
and hunger before UNRRA's
life giving efforts can have been
made or felt before Spring
comes. Associated Press.

TAX REDUCTION

Washington, Dec. 26.
Senator Taft, Republican of
Ohio, yesterday declared "there
appears to be no chance of a tax
reduction" in the new session of
Congress which begins on Jan.
15.

Taft said the things now re-
quested by President Truman will
more than cover the estimated
Federal income. Associated Press.

Rudolf Hess Turns Towards Religion

NUERNBERG, DEC. 25.
RUDOLF HESS, ONE OF THE FOUR NUERNBERG DEFEN-
DANTS WHO PROTESTS NO ATTACHMENT TO ANY
CHRISTIAN DENOMINATION, IS BEGINNING TO
SHOW INTEREST IN RELIGION.
AS PREPARATIONS WERE COMPLETED FOR SPECIAL
CHRISTMAS SERVICES IN THE GRIM, GRAY STONE
JAIL, HESS INDICATED TO THE CHAPLAINS THAT
HE WAS INTERESTED BUT SO FAR HELD BACK
BECAUSE HE FELT THAT HE WOULD BE SUBJECT
TO CRITICISM IF HE BEGAN ATTENDING RELIGI-
OUS SERVICES ONLY AFTER GOING ON TRIAL FOR
HIS LIFE.

Since the beginning of the
Tribunal's holiday recess,
several defendants spent most
of their time studying to pre-
pare for their defence. Most
of the defence lawyers have gone
home for Christmas and only a
few visited their clients.

In line with previous plans,
the prisoners will dine to-day on
the ordinary prisoner of war

CHINA'S BILL FOR OCCUPATION

Paris, Dec. 27.
France may soon react sharply
over the bill China is sending her
for occupying northern Indochina.
The French are also irked at
the Chinese demands per month are
more than Indochina the Japa-
nese asked a year ago.
The French are also irked at
the Chinese demands for helping the
Chinese occupation troops go back
to China before the French have
enough troops inside the colony
to take over. Associated Press.

TALK OF AN OLD ISSUE'S REVIVAL

NEW YORK, DEC. 27.
A STATEMENT THAT AN
"ISSUE" AROSE IN MOSCOW
OVER THE REPRESENTA-
TION OF THE BRITISH DO-
MINIONS AT THE PEACE
CONFERENCE, IS MADE BY
JAMES RESTON, WASHING-
TON CORRESPONDENT OF
THE "NEW YORK TIMES."

He writes: "The Russians took
a firm line against the British
Dominions, arguing that Aus-
tralia, Canada, South Africa and
New Zealand were not independ-
ent and could be represented at
the general peace conference by
the British."

Both Mr. Byrnes, United States
Secretary of State, and Mrs.
Bevin, British Foreign Minister,
opposed this view vigorously,
pointing out the fact that the
British Dominions, Elze, had
exercised independence to the point
of staying out of the war alto-
gether.

The Russians countered this by
saying that if the British Dominions
and India were admitted,
various Soviet Republics should
have separate representation.

Again the United States and
Britain opposed this view by
saying that if the Soviet Union
insisted on trying to get six votes
the United States would have to
get representation from each of
the 48 American States. Reuter.

CANTON WAR TROPHIES

Canton, Dec. 26.
An exhibition of war trophies
is to be held in Canton from
Jan. 1 to 6, at the premises which
formerly housed the Kow Chung
Middle School in Man Tak Road.
It is the first exhibition of its
kind since the end of the war, and
a large variety of exhibits will be
on display. Our Own Correspondent.

Washington, Dec. 27.

Two House groups plan to leave
early January for Japan and
various Pacific islands. Those
groups will be seeking informa-
tion regarding the strength of
naval bases and reduplication of
service forces and surplus naval
goods. Associated Press.

Big Cairo Drug Ring Broken Up

(By Haig Nicholson, Reuter's Special Correspondent)

CAIRO, DEC. 27.
THE CIVIL AND MILITARY POLICE HERE HAVE
BROKEN UP A HIGHLY ORGANISED GANG OF SMUG-
GLERS. IT WAS DISCLOSED IN A SERIES OF COURT-
MARTIALS. OPIUM, WORTH £38,000 WERE SEIZED
FOLLOWING THE DISCOVERY OF THE RING.
ALREADY A JEWISH LIEUTENANT, A JEWISH COR-
PORAL AND PRIVATE AND A BRITISH DRIVER WITH
THE RANK OF LANCE-CORPORAL, HAVE BEEN
TRIED AND CONVICTED.

Another Jewish Lieutenant
and another private are still to be
tried. One Lieutenant was
previously tried in Palestine on a
charge of being in possession
of drugs but was acquitted.

According to the story told at
the Court Martial, a military
vehicle driven by a British
driver succeeded in smuggling
quantities of drugs into Egypt
and when they did not get the
sufficiently high prices they
wanted, they decided to do the
marketing themselves.

They brought a large consignment
of hashish and opium from
the Levant to Egypt and
told the Egyptian ring, who
were waiting for fresh supplies,
that their vehicle had broken
down in the Sinai Desert and
the illicit cargo had been left
alone to prevent detection.

RUSSELL PASHA INTERVENES

The Jewish military gang, it
was stated, then asked a Greek
civilian to sell for them all the
drugs. He enlisted another
civilian who was working for
the Police and who disclosed the
intended sale.

Detectives of Russell Pasha's
Central Narcotic Intelligence
Bureau entered into the pur-
chase scheme and when the
transaction was being completed
in a Cairo hotel, the police made
a raid and arrested one member
of the gang and the Greek, and
seized a suitcase filled with
drugs.

The same night a strong police
force raided the camp of a Jew-
ish brigade at Kaifaren, 65
miles from Cairo, and picked up
the other members of the gang.
Reuter.

That Johnson Man Again

Washington, Dec. 27.
Senator Johnson, Democrat of
Colorado, suggested that the
proposed loan to Britain be financed
by a special bond issue which he
said would bear the loss if the
British should default. The bonds
would be offered to the United
States public with an interest rate
"exactly what Britain pays."

The people who buy bonds,
Johnson said, would "take what-
ever risk there is and accept
whatever payment Britain makes."

He said that if the American
people approved of the loans they
should be willing to buy the bonds
and if they don't want it "then
the Government ought not to
underwrite it."

Johnson said that he intends
to push the plan as an amendment
to legislation authorizing the
British loan when it comes up at
the next session of Congress.—
Associated Press.

LEFTISTS EMERGE IN MANILA

Manila, Dec. 26.
A democratic alliance of the
Leftist group to-day entered the
Philippine political arena and called
a National Convention here on
Jan. 27 to select candidates for
President and Vice-President of
Congress in the April elections.

Lola Tarbuc, pro-war leader
of the Manila and Central Luzon
labour unions, criticised High
Commissioner Paul McNutt's recent
Shanghai statement that Fili-
pinos are wavering on their in-
dependence demand.

Farbuc who was a Lieut-
General in the Bulabulapap Se-
cular army during the occupa-
tion said: "It is the Fascist
elements, Imperialists and vested
interests who are against giving
the Philippines independence."

Juan Felo, Communist Party
leader and other speakers at a
mass meeting assailed both Pres-
ident Sergio Osmeña and Senate
President Manuel Roxas. They
said that Roxas favours the rich.
The Chinese representative at
the meeting said the Chinese
want the withdrawal of United
States troops from China.—Asso-
ciated Press.

FRANC RATE CUT

Washington, Dec. 27.
Secretary of the Treasury Carl
Vinson to-day said, "A change in
the franc rate is an essential step
in the French Programme of
economic reconversion." It is be-
lieved generally recognized that the
foreign exchange value of the
franc is out of line, said Vinson
in an open letter to Rene Pleven,
French Finance Minister. Asso-
ciated Press.

BRIDGE NOTES

A deep freeze, preceded by careful
preparation, enabled South to
make his game in the hand shown
below:

North-South, vulnerable
S. A 10 4
H. K J 10 6
D. J 10 4
C. K 9 4

S. Q 9 8 5 2 N S. K J 7 3
H. 7 3 H. 5
D. 6 5 3 D. A 9 8 7 2
C. Q 8 7 C. A J 6

S. 6
H. A Q 9 8 4 2
D. K Q
C. 10 6 5 2

The bidding:

East	South	West	North
1D.	1H.	Pass	3H.
Pass	4H.	Pass	Pass
Pass			

West opened the mix of dia-
monds. East winning and return-
ing the suit. South won with the
King of diamonds and noted that
his contract depended on losing no
more than two club tricks.

He would have no trouble, of
course, if West held the club Ace
since then dummy's King would
win a trick. If East had the
club Ace (as the bidding indicated
would be the case) there was danger
of losing the club King to
East's Ace and then losing tricks to
the club Queen and Jack as well.
To guard against this danger,
South decided to strip the hand.

His first step was to draw two
rounds of trumps followed by the
Ace of spades and a spade ruff.
Dummy was entered by means of
a trump and South discarded a
low club on the Jack of diamonds.
Another spade ruff gave South the
lead with the stake set for the de-
cisive club.

At this point South led a low
club, and when West played low,
dummy finessed the nine. East
won with the Jack and was help-
less to defeat the contract. An-
other club lead would establish
dummy's King of clubs while any
other lead would allow Declarer
to ruff in one hand and discard
a club from the other.

Trumps you were Merwin
Maier's partner and, with neither
side vulnerable, you held:

S. A Q 8 6
H. A J 9 5
D. 10 9 7
C. J 8

The bidding:

You	Schenken	Maier	Jacoby
1S	Pass	1NT	Pass
(7)			

ANSWER: Pass. You have a
minimum opening bid, and your
partner's response shows a weak
hand. There is no reason, there-
fore, to raise the bidding level,
especially since you are as well
prepared for a no-trump contract
as for a major-suit bid.
Score 100 per cent for pass, 0
for any other bid.

QUESTION

To-day you are Howard Schen-
ken's partner and, with neither
side vulnerable, you hold:

S. K 8
H. J 9
D. A 10 9 8 5
C. A 10 7 5

The bidding:

Jacoby	You	Maier	Schenken
1NT	(7)		
What do you bid? (Answer To-morrow).			

THE MIGHTY FALLEN!

San Francisco, Dec. 27.
A straggler crashed into a Navy
shore patrol wagon on a busy
down-town street to-day. Dozens
of sailors on the side-walks lined
the curb and lustily cheered the
street car operator.—Associated
Press.

Domei Turns Up Under A New Guise

SEOUL, DEC. 26.
THE LONG HOPED FOR PRESS FREEDOM IN KOREA
HAS BEEN IN EFFECT SINCE THE AMERICANS
LANDED IN SEPTEMBER BUT THIS IDEAL ASSUM-
ED AN ADDED SIGNIFICANCE AND ASPECT OF
PERMANENCE IN AN AGREEMENT APPROVED
YESTERDAY BY THE AMERICAN MILITARY GOV-
ERNMENT.

The American Government re-
linquished control of the old Domei
system and turned it over to an
all-Korean organization and ap-
proved the important recommen-
dation that it be operated free of
Government control—either the
present American Government or
the permanent Korean Govern-
ment yet to be established.

The Nation's publishers hailed
the policy achieved by many weeks
of negotiation.

PROVING PROMISE

Some qualms were expressed on
the ability of the long-subjugated
Koreans to function judiciously in
the operation of their own agency.
But top American Government
opinion stemming from Major-
General A. V. Arnold, military
governor, and Brigadier J. H.
Shaw, civil administrator, held

that and now is the time to prove
the promise.

The American Government has
reorganized Domei with Koreans,
put it on a firm financial basis and
approved the Korean suggested
new name as "Dong Hap."—Asso-
ciated Press.

Ships Tied Up

New York, Dec. 26.
Captain Howlett-Bishop, of the
War Shipping Administration and
Atlantic Coast Director, to-day
said that 110 ships including 12
troop carriers are tied up on the
East Coast because of personnel
shortages.

An appeal has been sent for
1,000 officers and several thousand
experienced seamen to man the
immobilized ships.—Associated

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San Shing	52, Bonham Strand, E.	Wing Tai	99, Queen's Road, C.
Aan Koon Tang & Co.	55, Des Voeux Road, C.	Lu King Hop	22, Des Voeux Road, C.
Fat Cheong	118, Des Voeux Road, C.	Ming Tak	101, Queen's Road, C.
Yang Seng	181, Queen's Road, C.	Chong Koo	130, Queen's Road, C.
Wing Lung	112, Queen's Road, C.	Tai Seng	105, Wing Lok Street, W.
Yui Koo	11, Bonham Strand, E.	Wing Ming	87, Bonham Strand, E.
Yee Hing	11, Bonham Strand, E.	Wing Poong	11, Bonham Strand, E.
Choy Koo	31, Bonham Strand, E.	Nan Wah	20, Jervois Street.
On Tai	78, Bonham Strand, E.	Wing Wah	70, Wing Lok Street.

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BRITISH MILITARY ADMINISTRATION, (HONG KONG.)
LEGAL BRANCH
In re: Custodian Proclamation No. 10 of 1945.
SALE BY TENDER (S. 389)

The Administration is prepared to receive bids in writing for the purchase of the undernoted equipment as it stands, at (being) Sar Wai Road, Shamshuipo.

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R. A. WICKERSON,
Custodian of Property.
VICTORIA, 28th December, 1945.

BRITISH MILITARY ADMINISTRATION, (HONG KONG.)
LEGAL BRANCH
In re: Custodian Proclamation No. 10 of 1945.

SALE BY TENDER (S. 389)
The Administration is prepared to receive bids in writing for the purchase of the undernoted machinery as they stand, now lying at the North Point Installation of the Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd.

One Electric Generating Unit of Japanese manufacture mounted on a common bedplate consisting of:—

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Permission to view can be arranged with Office of Custodian of Property, 4th Floor, Windsor House.

Bids are to be made per unit.
Sealed Tenders in Triplicate should be deposited with the Chairman Tenders Board, Public Works Branch, Civil Affairs H.Q., C.S.O. Building (Ground Floor), before noon 7th January 1946.

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A Vote To End The House Of Lords?

(By Michael Foot)

LONDON, DEC. 27.
SOME OBSERVERS HAVE TENDED TO CONTRAST THE MOMENTOUS DEBATES ON THE LOAN AGREEMENT WITH THE "UNREALITY" OF THE VOTE OF CENSURE DISCUSSIONS WHICH PRECEDED THEM. DILETTANTE POLITICAL COMMENTATORS HAVE RUSHED IN TO PROTEST AGAINST THE IRRELEVANCE OF THE GOVERNMENT'S NATIONALISATION PROPOSALS AND OTHER PROJECTS TO THE URGENT PRODUCTION TASKS WHICH CONFRONT THE NATION. LOAN OR NO LOAN.

Will they never learn? Will they never learn the facts which Ernest Bevin so rightly emphasised at the end of his speech?

Britain's plight is not only due to the war. It is also the result of generations of industrial decline. If the great industries of the nation had been properly renovated in the inter-war years our situation today would be incomparably more favourable.

Most serious fact facing our people today is the disease afflicting most of the industries on which Britain's industrial greatness was founded. Coal, cotton, shipbuilding, agriculture, in all these industries and others besides, conditions and prospects were so bad that men were allowed to

drift away or compelled to break up their homes and look for security elsewhere.

NO ACCIDENT
The worker's faith in his trade was broken.

To restore that faith calls for desperate remedies. Loan or no loan they must be driven through with burning energy in order that a new atmosphere may be created and new targets reached in productive output.

It was no accident that the demoralised Tory leaders of the vote of censure debate should have been incapable of any decision about the financial settlement.

The whole debate was a good argument against the House of Lords and the vote might well have been one to end that chamber. Reuter.

Commandos' Football

Headquarters Officers of 3 Commando Brigade scored their first victory in three years over Headquarters Senior N.C.O.'s in their annual Christmas Day football match. Score was 3-1 in favour of the Officers after a scoreless first half.

The S.N.C.O.'s had won 5-1 at Alexandra in 1943, and 5-2 at Telford, on the Bengal Burma base, last year. The tables were finally turned this time when the Officers fielded a sparkling forward line.

The N.C.O.'s had, however, three men on their side who had played in all three matches of the series, whilst the officers were nearly all making their initial appearance in the series. Veterans of the S.N.C.O. team were S/Cdr. Lee, C.S.M. Pirie and Q.M.S.I. Hubbard.

Navy Win Second Game

THE ROYAL NAVY WON THEIR SECOND GAME IN THE QUADRANGULAR CRICKET TOURNAMENT YESTERDAY WHEN THEY DEFEATED THE ARMY BY 48 RUNS AT THE HONG KONG CRICKET GROUND.

Scores were:—
Navy: 172 (Lt. Burnett 65 not out, Lt. Morris 36, Mid. Davies 23; Maj. Evill 5 for 38, Lt. Ward 4 for 48).
Army: 130 (Lt. Calladine 34, Capt. White 32, Lt. Brown 2 for 18, P.O. Dale 2 for 28).

CROWD DISAPPOINTED

A fairly large crowd which turned up on Boxing Day to witness the match arranged between "Montclair" and Kwong Wah was disappointed when the Montclair team failed to arrive because of imminent ship movements plus the drafting of ratings out of the ship at the last minute.

Although the Sports Officer of "Montclair" did his best to advise Kwong Wah, he was unable to do so, and the newspapers were closed for the Christmas holidays.

Lieut. McAllister, Sports Officer, has asked us to express regret for the inconvenience to those who turned up and to tender his apologies.

Kwong Wah, also conveying apologies, ask all purchasers of tickets to call at The China Light & Power Co. Ltd., Argyle Street, for their refund.

In view of the uncertainty, the proposed "Triangular Series" is now cancelled.

BOXER OF THE YEAR

New York, Dec. 27.
"Ring" magazine named Willie Fox, the Connecticut clown who owns half of the world's featherweight championship, the "boxer of the year" for 1945. The magazine declared the international world lightweight championship vacant and dropped two recognized titleholders—Bob Montgomery and Ike Williams—to fourth and fifth among 135-pounders. The top lightweight went to former featherweight champion Chalky Wright.—Associated Press.

ALL-AMERICAN ELEVEN

Philadelphia, Dec. 27.
Four Army cridders were named on the American football coaches' association all-American eleven—Hutcheson, Glenn Davis, Fullback Felix Blanchard, Tackle DuWitt Ooster and Guard Johnny Green. Other members of the honor eleven were: Ends, Richard Duden, Navy, and Max Morris, Northwestern; Tackle, George Berwick, Penn State; Guard, Warren Ambling, Ohio State; Center, Richard Scott, Navy; Quarterback, Bob Panfili, Oklahoma A. & M.; and, Herman Wedemeyer, St. Mary's of California.—Associated Press.

LIVES UP TO HIS NAME

Miami Beach, Dec. 27.
A horse named Santa Claus was just what his name implied in the fifth race at the Gulf Stream track on Christmas Day.
He won the feature race in pay supporters \$330 on their \$2 win tickets. He paid \$470 to place and \$350 to show.—Associated Press.

FULL SOFTBALL PROGRAMME

(By "ONLOOKER")

A full programme of Softball League matches is down for decision this Sunday, at King's Park, and as team strengths are pretty even, forecasting results is somewhat of a problem. The "Playboy" Baseballers appear to be the strongest, although they will face a severe test when they vie for superiority with the Madcaps who are considered next best.

The following are the games for Sunday:—
Madcaps vs. H.K. Baseball Club—9.30 a.m. sharp.
Umpires:—"Sunburn" Omar, Robbins and Nip Lum.
Way Fong Portuguese Association vs. Chung Hwa—10.30 a.m.
Umpires:—"Doc" Molthen, Nip Lum and Robbins.
Scorers:—Philo and Hugo Remedios.

The line-up of the four teams will be from the following:—
Madcaps:—Claude Hollands, Avichi Yvanovitch (Capt.), Sidney Hollands, W. Wilkinson, F. Hollands, Robbie Rocha, Tony Castilho, A. Remedios, Albert Leonard and B. Soares.

H.K. Baseball Club:—"Doc" Molthen (Manager), Abet Ozorio, "Capone" Rumjahn, Nick Beltrac, Arturo Ozorio, Tony Alves, David "Bambino" Leonard, Rene Sequel, A. V. "Lover" Gossano, "Luigi" Gossano, "Baby" Abbas and "Jindoo" Hussain.

Way Fong Portuguese Association:—M. Souza (Manager), Bertie Gossano, J. A. Soares, Gerry Gossano, Sunny Brown, T. Goncalves, M. Xavier, A. Gutierrez, L. Luz and Enrico Rosario.

Chung Hwa:—Hockjai Kitchell, Bill Hong Sling, Wally Ching, Johnny Chan, P. F. Choy, Dick Chung (Capt.), P. K. Lau, Herbie Quon, Junior Mar, David Lo and Nelson Mar.

Note:—The ruling that any teams failing to take the field within quarter of an hour of the time fixed by the League should forfeit their games to the opposites was adopted at a meeting of the H.K. Softball League held recently.

HERE AND THERE

Ladies and Gentlemen! I give you Miss Lilia "Nightmare" Xavier who has just returned recently from Madras. She will enchant you with "Ave Maria" and "Adeste Fideles" (in Latin)—music by Gounod. Then she will thrill you with a rendition of "Serenade" (in Italian)—by Tosti and she will bewitch you with "The Last Rose of Summer" (in English)—by Paganini. Music, Maestro, Pleset! Those were the words—words to that effect by which Lilia was introduced at a Dance party held on Christmas Eve. And who's Lilia anyway? Don't you know? I didn't suppose you could have forgotten the ball fans' darlings on the diamond. She is the ex-princess of the former unofficial Champs, the "Rangerettes" between the years. There's a good! There's a good! I understand she has already signed up for Big Chief Terry Noronha's team.

Rome, Dec. 27.
The United States Office of Foreign Liquidation to-day said the Italian Government has paid nearly \$7,750,000,000 for a quantity of surplus army stocks. The sale included 133 locomotives.—Associated Press.

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Racing At The Valley

It is learned that over 40 ponies have been entered for the forthcoming Military Race Meeting.

Most of them are old racing ponies, well-known to local racegoers. They include Mainsail, Mayfair, Nigger, Bingo, Blue Peter, Mary and Willy.

Morning Gallops have already been resumed in the Course. Final gallop will be on the 31st inst.

There will be five races with 8 starters for each race and ten starters for the 4th race.

For a long while we have not seen racing in Hong Kong, and a large crowd is expected.

Through Tickets are in great demand. To the newcomer to the Colony a Through Ticket means a Through Number on the cash sweep for every race of the Day.

Tokyo, Dec. 27.
The 11th Airborne Division and the 41st Division football teams will meet in New Year's Day in a Tokyo bowl game. The winner will play the Hawaiian all-stars on Jan. 26 in the Pan-Pacific Olympic meet.

To reach the Tokyo bowl contest the 11th Airborne team defeated the 1st Cavalry team here with a score of 35-0. The 41st team beat the Army service command 27-2 at Kyoto.—Associated Press.

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